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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 2200 EDT)

1. US Embassy situation report as of 1830 EDT stated that no heavy gun fire heard in city since 1630 EDT except for three strafing passes by loyalists over section held by rebels. Sporadic small arms fire, however, was heard in several areas around the embassy. The embassy has reports that some rebel barricades in some barrios in northern section of city have been weakened by local residents making openings in them so as to move freely about. Residents of barrios are reported generally aware that Communists directly involved in the insurgency because of outrages committed against population; however, people are getting to point they want killing to stop no matter who wins.

2. US MAAG official has reported that Belisario Peguero and Police Chief Despradel, who replaced Peguero last January, are at police palace but not seeming in cooperative mood toward one another. Despradel is weary but carrying on.

3. US Embassy personnel who visited their homes in the upper Abraham Lincoln area of the city report the area calm as of 2000 EDT and noted no evidence of looting.

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